



**Australian
Human Rights
Commission**

**Senate Estimates, Thursday 22 October 2020
Media Statement of 15 October 2020 attributable to Race Discrimination
Commissioner, Mr Chin Tan**

“No Australian should have their loyalty to this country questioned or undermined because of their ethnic origin, nor should they be required to prove their loyalty.

Treating people prejudicially based on race or ethnicity is contrary to Australian democratic values of equality, and to our fundamental human rights. It is damaging to social harmony and community cohesion.

In the months since the Coronavirus pandemic began, the Prime Minister and other Australian leaders have condemned the rise in racial targeting of Asian Australians, and have repeatedly praised Chinese Australians for their contributions to our nation. We must continue to foster and protect our successful, harmonious multicultural society, and not erode it.”